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8TH GRADE PRO-MOTION EXERCISES

Held at High School Room
Wednesday Night, 20
Receive Diplomas

Wednesday evening, June 7, 1916, was an eventful period for 20 of the boys and girls of the grammar department of the Paw Paw schools. The class this year was evenly divided, ten boys and ten girls, and as they were grouped upon the elevated platform the sight of the young and happy faces well might cause the heart of any fond parent to throb with pride and joy.

The exercises this year were held in the high school room, which was made to look very cheery and homelike with decorations of bunting, ferns and many flowers. Every recitation, every dialogue, every piece of music and every drill was executed with much credit to the ones taking part. Never before has as nice and better looking class of young men and ladies entered the high school, and we are sure that if these boys and girls enter the higher grades with the determination to persevere and fight for the finish that the commencement class of 1920 will be one that any school may well feel proud.

T. J. Cavanaugh, in behalf of the school board, presented the class with their diplomas. His remarks were such as to inspire and urge them on to greater and higher attainments. John Lyle, in a few well chosen words in behalf of the class, presented the teacher, Miss Rose Dillon, with a server tray.

A. N. Cole, who is editing the newspaper at Prescott, Mich., has been home this week the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cole.

PAW PAW SECURES 66 POINTS IN FIELD DAY MEET

Lawrence Retained Base
Ball Championship by
Defeating S. Haven
13 to 4

Field Day,
Saturday, June 3rd,
Weather, fine,
Crowd largest ever.

Saturday was Field Day for Van Buren County High Schools, and 10 schools of the county participated in the events.

As early as eight o'clock, automobile loads began to arrive and at nine o'clock the streets were thronged with school children representing every part of the county.

The rural eighth grade exercises were held at the High School Assembly rooms where over 500 received their credentials to enter high schools. The address was given by Rev. F. A. Shape of the Christian church. Space will not permit even giving a synopsis of this lecture, which was filled with good advice to the young boys and girls, and if given heed, will prove fertile soil for better manhood and womanhood, better scholar and citizenship. His remarks were of an understanding nature, and the child mind could grasp every idea advanced by the speaker.

The Paw Paw High School Band met the morning train from the west, and another large delegation arrived to participate in the festivities of the day.

The headquarters of the athletes were at the Firemen's rooms, the hotels not caring to accommodate them. Surely the Paw Paw fire department should be commended for their generosity in throwing open their rooms to the association. No better place in the city could have been offered the athletes, the large and

commodious rooms and the shower bath were ideal for those who took part in the events. The room was in charge of a competent man, who said he never met a nicer and more gentlemanly set of boys.

There were estimated 5,000 people in Paw Paw and over 1,000 autos. The council had provided special officers to handle the traffic, and only for one slight accident on Main and Kalamazoo street, which was entirely the fault of the party receiving the damage, the large crowd came and went without any one seriously injured. At six o'clock, Main street was a solid mass of autos, and the manner in which Mark Chaffee handled the traffic was commendable.

No town in the county could have handled the crowd better than was handled here last Saturday. Not even Decatur, whose Superintendent seemed to think that his town was the only one to take part in the exercises, and who had a lot of "air" to explode at the meeting of the directors. He seemed to have it "in" for Paw Paw and took every opportunity to express himself against the Capital City. Fortunately all of his pet schemes were met with opposition from the more level-headed members of the board.

The events were pulled off as scheduled on the official program. The morning sports were held on Kalamazoo street, which was in perfect condition for the running races. The afternoon sports were held on the ball grounds, and over 2,000 people paid admission. The receipts of the association were \$501.00, which was \$52.00 more than was taken at Decatur last year.

C. P. Steidle of Ypsilanti and Jud Hyman were referees. The following are the points by the various schools of the county:

Paw Paw	66
Hartford	19
South Haven	7
Bangor	6
Gobleville	5
Mattawan	5
Decatur	3

If second place in Relay race counted in points Hartford has 24.

The individual stars of the events were:
Nunn with 23 points
Grant McFarlin 13
Thompson of Hartford 8

The 50 yard dash was won by Thompson of Hartford; G. McFarlin of Paw Paw, second, third not given. Time 5 4-5 sec.

The 100 yard dash was won by G. McFarlin, Paw Paw; Thompson of Hartford, second; Mantle of Hartford, third. Time 10 3-5 sec.

Standing broad jump was won by A. Nunn of Paw Paw; Finley of Hartford, second; Harrington of Paw Paw, third. Distance 9 ft. 11 in.

880 yard run was won by Messenger of Gobleville; Neale of Paw Paw second, Traver of Hartford, third. Time 2:10 2-5.

220 yard dash was won by G. McFarlin of Paw Paw; Harrington of Paw Paw second; Finley of Hartford, third. Time 26 2-5.

440 yard dash was won by Nunn of

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BREAKING OF THREE DAMS CAUSE A GREAT DAMAGE

Water Washes Away Dykes and Destroy Bridges.
Two Mills With-out Power

Wednesday night between the hours of 11 o'clock and midnight the upper dam in Lanphear's pond gave way. The cement wings and curbing crushing like sand. The water all came into the little pond which is held by the Strong dam.

STRONG DAM BREAKS

The large body of water was too much for the dykes, and about 40 foot of earth along the south side of the cement dam washed away. This let the water from Lanphear and Strong pond into the reservoir of the Free, Hall & Mutchler.

FREE HALL & MUTCHLER'S DAMAGED

The dike on the south side of Free, Hall & Mutchler's dam washed out about 20 feet. The water took the roadway on the east side of K. L. S. & C. siding, and about 2 carloads of soft coal belonging to the firm went down the river.

The water stood 18 inches in the mill, and was a foot deep in the lumber sheds on the north side. The two center walls of the mill were washed out, and wheel pit damaged. The road to the scales was also washed out and the cement arch and foot bridge to the tail race was completely wrecked, the cement work falling into the tail race. The firm loss will be nearly \$2,000.

TOWNSHIP BRIDGE WASHED AWAY

The big bridge which spans the river proper on Kalamazoo street is completely gone. The force of the water going through the tunnel was too great, and it forced its way under the tunnel and the heavy sand on top forced the arch to break, thus letting all the sand go with the water. About 50 foot of the bridge is all washed away, the break came on the north-west corner and it will require several hundred loads of sand to fill, and it will require several weeks before the bridge is used for traffic.

Water stood about two foot above the road and for the fact that the street being built of round stone the damage would have been much greater. Traffic was stopped for nearly all day Thursday.

BEEBE GIVES WARNING

D. A. Beebe, the night man at the Water Works, had just finished pumping and heard a roaring noise, stepped to the door and saw the large volume of water coming through the culvert of the bridge, he goes to the street and grasps the situation at once, returns to the plant and calls the city electrician, Geo. Whitehead, who goes to the power plant north of town. At 12:20 the water at the plant was about four inches from high, two gates were lowered and the small wheel pit opened, and the water was held at the big dam below high water mark.

The breaking of the three dams caused a loss of several thousand dollars and was the worst in the history of the water powers of Paw Paw. The sight was viewed by hundreds of our townspeople early Thursday morning.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON GIVEN TO CLASS OF 1916

Last Sunday evening the Methodist Episcopal church was taxed to the extent of its seating capacity by the parents, relatives and many friends of the graduating class of our public schools. The church was very prettily decorated with the class colors and potted plants and cut flowers.

Miss Jessie Carman played the march for the class to enter and take their places on the platform. Rev. Edgar W. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church, gave the address. He took as his subject, "The Master Mind," and used the life of Christ from which to bring out the lessons that he wished to perpetuate upon the minds of the class. His discourse was a masterly one and greatly enjoyed. The music was furnished by a male quartet composed of Messrs. Jennings, Mosier, Spicer and B. Warner.

Notice.

The Van Buren County Telephone Co. will issue a new telephone directory July 1st. All persons contemplating the installation of a telephone are requested to give their order to the telephone company within a very few days as the copy for the directory must be sent to the printer this week.

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JUNE 14th

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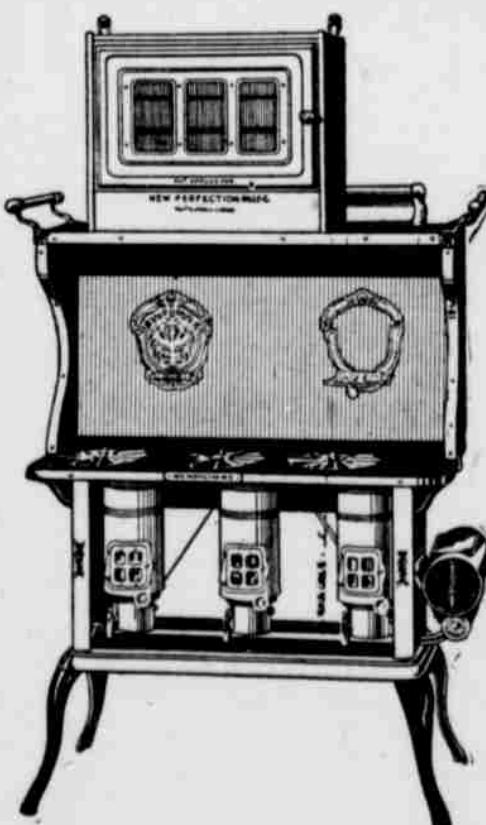
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